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Report of the Second Committee (Part I)*

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 20 September 1996, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-first session the item entitled:

"Sustainable development and international economic cooperation:

"(a) Implementation and follow-up to major consensus agreements on development:

"(i) Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of the Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries;

"(ii) Implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade;

"(b) Agenda for development:

"(i) Agenda for development;

"(ii) Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership;

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"(c) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy;

"(d) Population and development;

"(e) Human settlements;

"(f) Eradication of poverty;

"(g) Cultural development."

and to allocate it to the Second Committee.

2. The Second Committee held a general discussion on the item at its 17th, 18th, and 20th to 27th meetings, from 28 to 31 October and on 1, 4 and 6 November 1996. An account of the Committee's general discussion of the item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/51/SR.17, 18 and 20-27). Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 3rd to 8th meetings, from 14 to 18 October 1996 (see A/C.2/51/SR.3-8). An account of the Committee's further consideration of the item will be given in addenda to the present report as follows:

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3. For the consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on communication for development programmes in the United Nations system (A/51/314);

(b) Letter dated 18 January 1996 from the Permanent Representatives of the Islamic of Iran and the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Joint Russian-Iranian Statement on the Caspian Sea, issued at Tehran on 30 October 1995 (A/51/59);

(c) Letter dated 21 February 1996 from the Permanent Representatives of the Russian Federation and Turkmenistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting a joint statement on the results of talks concerning the problems affecting the Caspian Sea (A/51/73);

(d) Letter dated 20 March 1996 from the Permanent Representative of Peru to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Trujillo Act and the Protocol Amending the Cartagena Agreement (A/51/87);

(e) Letter dated 19 April 1996 from the Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting a letter dated 19 April 1996 from the Chairmen/Coordinators of the Group of Least Developed Countries, the Group of Land-locked Developing Countries and the Alliance of Small Island States addressed to the Secretary-General (A/51/120);

(f) Letter dated 2 May 1996 from the Permanent Representatives of China and the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Russian-Chinese Joint Statement adopted in Beijing on 25 April 1996 (A/51/127);

(g) Letter dated 16 May 1996 from the representatives of Kazakstan and the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Joint Russian-Kazak (Almaty) Declaration and the Joint Statement on Cooperation in the Use of the Caspian Sea adopted on 27 April 1996 (A/51/138);

(h) Letter dated 5 July 1996 from the Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the final documents of the summit meeting of seven major industrialized countries, held at Lyon, France, from 27 to 29 June 1996 (A/51/208-S/1996/543);

(i) Letter dated 28 May 1996 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the results of the 95th Conference and related meetings of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, held at Istanbul, Turkey, from 15 to 20 April 1996 (A/51/210);

(j) Letter dated 12 August 1996 from the Permanent Representative of Antigua and Barbuda to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the communiqué issued at the conclusion of the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of Heads of Government of the Caribbean Community held at Bridgetown from 3 to 6 July 1996 (A/51/295);

(k) Letter dated 12 September 1996 from the Permanent Representative of the Marshall Islands to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Forum Communiqué adopted by the twenty-seventh South Pacific Forum, held at Majuro, Marshall Islands, from 3 to 5 September 1996 (A/51/357);

(l) Letter dated 13 September 1996 from the Permanent Representative of Bolivia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Declaration of the Tenth Summit of Heads of States and Government of the Rio Group, held at Cochabamba, Bolivia, on 3 and 4 September 1996 (A/51/375);

(m) Letter dated 30 September 1996 from the Permanent Representative of Colombia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Declaration of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries, adopted in New York on

24 September 1996 on the occasion of the celebration of the thirty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the Movement (A/51/462);

(n) Letter dated 4 October 1996 from the Permanent Representative of Costa Rica to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Ministerial Declaration of the Group of 77 and China adopted at the twentieth annual meeting of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Group of 77, held in New York on 27 September 1996 (A/51/471);

(o) Letter dated 30 September 1996 from the Permanent Representative of Colombia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the communiqué of the Meeting of Ministers for Foreign Affairs and Heads of Delegation of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries to the fifty-first session of the General Assembly, held in New York on 25 September 1996 (A/51/473-S/1996/839);

(p) Letter dated 18 October 1996 from the Permanent Representatives of Azerbaijan and Kazakstan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting a joint statement on Caspian Sea questions adopted at Baku on 16 September 1996 (A/51/529);

(q) Letter dated 28 October 1996 from the Permanent Representatives of Hungary, Italy and Slovenia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting a joint declaration by their Foreign Ministers issued at Rome on 23 october 1996 (A/51/649);

(r) Letter dated 5 November 1996 from the representatives of Azerbaijan, Kazakstan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkey, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the Tashkent Declaration, signed at the end of the fourth summit meeting of the Heads of State of the Turkish-Speaking Countries (A/51/664);

Item 96 (a). Implementation and follow-up to major consensus agreements on development

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of the Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, and the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade (A/51/270);

(b) Note verbale dated 11 July 1996 from the Permanent Mission of Bulgaria to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Sofia Declaration on Good-Neighbourly Relations, Stability, Security and Cooperation in the Balkans, adopted at the meeting of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Countries of South-Eastern Europe, held at Sofia, on 6 and 7 July 1996 (A/51/211-S/1996/551);

Item 96 (b). Agenda for development

(i) Agenda for development

(a) Note by the Secretary-General on the provisions of General Assembly resolution 50/227 addressed to the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group of the General Assembly on an Agenda for Development (A/51/319);

(b) Letter dated 15 May 1996 from the Permanent Representative of Japan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the summary of proceedings of the Tokyo Conference on Development Strategy, held on 21 and 22 March 1996 (A/51/168 and Corr.1);

(ii) Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership

Note by the Secretary-General on renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership (A/51/485);

Item 96 (c). Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on integration of the economies in transition into the world economy (A/51/285);

(b) Note verbale dated 11 July 1996 from the Permanent Mission of Bulgaria to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/51/211-S/1996/551 (see under item 96 (a));

Item 96 (d). Population and development

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (A/51/350);

(b) Letter dated 27 March 1996 from the Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting a communiqué issued by the Regional Conference on Migration, held in Puebla, Mexico, on 13 and 14 March 1996 (A/51/90);

(c) Letter dated 21 May 1996 from the Permanent Representative of Colombia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the communiqué issued by the Ministers of Foreign Affairs and heads of delegation of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries on the occasion of the Meeting of the Ministerial Committee on Methodology, held at Cartagena de Indias, Colombia, on 15 and 16 May 1996 (A/51/154);

(d) Note verbale dated 11 July 1996 from the Permanent Mission of Bulgaria to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/51/211-S/1996/551 (see under item 96 (a));

Item 96 (e). Human settlement

(a) Report of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II), held at Istanbul, Turkey, from 3 to 14 June 1996 (A/CONF.165/14);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of and follow-up to the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) (A/51/384);

Item 96 (f). Eradication of poverty

Report of the Secretary-General on the observance of the International Year for the Eradication of Poverty and the proclamation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (A/51/443);

Item 96 (g). Cultural development

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting a summary of the report of the World Commission on Culture and Development (A/51/451).

4. At the 17th meeting, on 28 October, introductory statements were made by the Chief of the Policy Coordination and Inter-agency Affairs Branch of the Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development (under the item as a whole), the Officer-in-Charge of the Macroeconomic and Social Policy Division of the Department for Economic and Social Information and Policy Analysis (under sub-item 96 (a)) and the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Europe (under sub-item 96 (c)) (see A/C.2/51/SR.17).

5. At the 20th meeting, on 29 October, the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) made an introductory statement under sub-item 96 (e) (see A/51/SR.20).

6. At the 22nd meeting, on 30 October, the Assistant Director of the Division of Social Policy and Development of the Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development made an introductory statement under sub-item 96 (f) (see A/51/SR.22).

7. At the 23rd meeting, on 31 October, the Assistant Director-General for Culture of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization made an introductory statement under sub-item 96 (g) (see A/51/SR.23).

8. At the 26th meeting, on 5 November, the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund made an introductory statement under sub-item 96 (d) (see A/51/SR.26).